Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar (*Trichur North*).—With reference to (b) is it joint visit or individual visit?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*).—Every quarter they are requested to come.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar (*Trichur North*).—A few out of these visitors have visited once?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*).—Yes.

Extra Hospital hours—emergent surgical aid—arrangements for.

240. **Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen** (*Kattur*).—Will the Government state what arrangements have been made for giving emergent surgical aid to patients during extra hospital hours, in Hospitals under Civil Surgeons?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*).—There are duty Medical Officers as well as resident Medical Officers to attend to emergent cases during extra hospital hours.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen (*Kattur*).—Am I to take it that the present arrangement is quite enough?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*).—Quite enough.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar (*Trichur North*).—Does the Chief Medical Officer come under any of these categories?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*).—No. Nor the Civil surgeons.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar (*Trichur North*).—I mean the Civil surgeons.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*).—If the case is a serious one the duty medical officer always sends for the Civil Surgeon.

Better Co-operative Societies—starting of.

241. **Mr. A. V. Moothedan** (*Chalakkudi*).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they are aware of better Living Societies registered under the Co-operative Societies Act and working successfully in the Punjab;

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